

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0005] of the Specification as follows:

[0005] According to the present invention, the above object can be accomplished by providing an inside door handle device of an automobile comprising: a handle case [[4]] connected with an operation handle [[1]], including a hand-operating recess portion [[3]] partitioned by a rising wall [[3]] in a peripheral edge; a cover body [[6]], for covering a fixing portion [[5]] of the handle case [[4]] to a vehicle body, elastically engaged and fixed onto the surface side of the handle case [[4]], composing a bottom wall of the hand-operating recess portion [[3]]; a hollow [[8]] formed on the rising wall [[2]] of the hand-operating recess portion [[3]]; an engaging step portion [[7]] formed in a bottom wall of the hollow [[8]]; and an engaging leg for release operation [[11]] formed in the cover body 6, ~~including:~~ .

Please amend paragraph [0006] of the Specification as follows:

[0006] An engaging portion 9 ~~extending~~ extends from below to above, wherein the upper end portion of which [[9]] is elastically engaged with the engaging step portion [[9]]; and a hooking protrusion [[10]] capable of being hooked from above, is accommodated in the hollow [[8]] when in the engaging engaged state with the engaging step portion [[7]].

Please amend paragraph [0007] of the Specification as follows:

[0007] In general, the inside door handle device is fixed to door inner panel [[P]] under the condition that the operation handle [[1]] and others are assembled into the handle case [[4]] so that the working property can be enhanced. In order to ~~enhancing~~ enhance the working property of attaching the inside door handle device to inner panel

[[P]], it is desired that a large working space is widely open forward. Therefore, in order to make a user's finger reach the reverse side of the operation handle [[1]], the hand-operating recess portion [[3]], which is provided in the handle case [[4]], is used as the fixing portion [[5]].

Please amend paragraph [0008] of the Specification as follows:

[0008] On the other hand, it is necessary that the inside of inner panel [[P]] can not be seen by a user after the handle device has been attached to inner panel [[P]]. Therefore, the periphery of the hand-operating recess portion [[3]] is surrounded by the rising walls [[2]].

Please amend paragraph [0009] of the Specification as follows:

[0009] The present invention has been accomplished while attention is being given to this point. When the fixing portion [[5]] is covered with the cover body [[6]] composing the bottom wall of the hand-operating recess portion [[3]], it is possible to prevent the generation of a sense of incongruity which is caused by locally attaching caps and others to the fixing portion [[5]]. At the same time, when the rising walls [[2]] are provided at the connecting portion of the cover body [[6]], the working property of detaching the cover body [[6]] can be enhanced.

Please amend paragraph [0010] of the Specification as follows:

[0010] In the engaging leg [[11]] for release operation which is used for maintaining the attaching state of the cover body [[6]], the hooking protrusion [[10]] is formed at a position where the hooking protrusion [[10]] can be operated from above. Only by the operation that the engaging leg [[11]] for release operation is elastically

deformed by hooking an appropriate tool at this hooking protrusion **[[10]]**, the cover body **[[6]]** can be simply detached.

Please amend paragraph **[0011]** of the Specification as follows:

[0011] Since the hooking protrusion **[[10]]** is accommodated in the hollow **[[8]]** formed on the rising wall **[[2]]**, it is difficult for a user to see the hooking protrusion **[[10]]** when the handle device is attached to inner panel **[[P]]**. Therefore, the beauty of the handle device is seldom ~~spoilt~~ spoiled.

Please amend paragraph **[0012]** of the Specification as follows:

[0012] Further, when the second engaging portion **[[12]]** is formed in the cover body **[[6]]** and arranged at a position opposed to the side edge on which the above engaging leg **[[11]]** for release operation is formed and the entire cover body **[[6]]** is pushed to the second engaging portion **[[12]]** side by the engaging leg **[[11]]** for release operation, rattle of the cover body **[[6]]** can be ~~perfectly~~ prevented.